



Native American Contributions to the U.S. Military

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Native American Medal of Honor Recipients

➤ **Jack C. Montgomery** **Cherokee**

WWII

➤ **Ernest Childers** **Creek**

WWII

➤ **Van Barfoot** **Choctaw**

WWII

➤ **Mitchell Red Cloud, Jr.**

Winnebago **Korea**

➤ **Charles George** **Cherokee**





**William Eagle-Hawk, Sioux,
42nd Division, 1919.**

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**CPL George Miner,
Winnebago
12th Infantry
Niederahran, Germany,
1919.**



**L to R: Corporal Jim
Lane, John Rope, and
Kassey Y-32. Ft.
Huachuca, Arizona,
1942.**



Elva (Tapedo) Wale

**Elva (Tapedo) Wale,
Kiowa ,
Women's Army Corps**



**RADM Joseph J. "Jocko" Clark,
Cherokee, the first Native American
to graduate from the
U.S. Naval Academy**



Verna Fender

**Verna Fender,
Korean War
Veteran**



U.S. Navy recruiting poster, 1964

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**PFC Carl Gorman,
Navajo, U.S. Marine Corps,
Island of Saipan, 1944**

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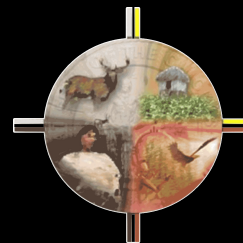


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Navajos at Amphibious Scout School, Southwest Pacific, 1943

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Navajo code talkers on Bougainville.

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**Joe Vandever Sr., Marine Navajo Code
Talker**



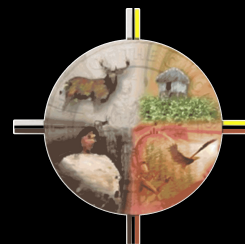
**Petulia Vandever,
DoD Small Business Office
Intern**



Courtesy of Petulia Vandever

Vandever Family Legacy

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**GEN Douglas MacArthur
with Pima, Pawnee,
Chitimacha, and Navajo
soldiers,
158th Infantry, 1943**

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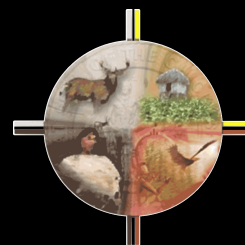
Apache Scout William Major with an officer of the 25th Infantry

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**Apache Scout Kessay
mounted on the parade
field,
in the early 1940s.**

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Night Horse Campbell 1950's

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**CPL George Whitewater,
Kickapoo, graduating
from
parachute school, 1943.**

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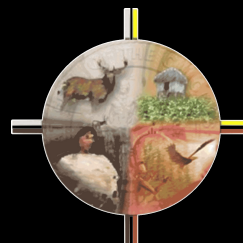
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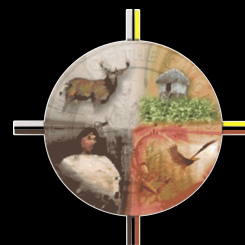
**SGT Marland Tahbonemah,
Kiowa, member and living
symbol of the 2nd Division,
the Indianhead Division,
Kimpo Air Base, Korea, 1966**



Pearl Ross



**Pearl Ross, Arikara Tribe
Air Force medical specialist
Korean War.**



**SFC Ursula P. Roach, Hopi,
Operation Desert Storm, 1991**



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